GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department - Diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, Visakhapatnam – Final (stage-II) approval accorded

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ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.73 **Dated.31.10.2022**
Read the following:-

1) From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P.,Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/16/2019/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt:08.04.2021.
2) State Govt.Lr.No.910/Section.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.03.05.2021
3) From GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APB123/2021-VIJ/42, dt.08.07.2021.
4) From PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/16/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt:15.05.2022.
5) State Govt.Lr.No.910/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.28.06.2022.
6) From the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB123/2021-VIJ/468, Dt.22.07.2022.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, Visakhapatnam for taking necessary action in the matter.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, for its approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has furnished the compliance report on the Stage-I conditions and requested to consider and forward it to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for according Final (Stage-II) approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, State Government forwarded the compliance report to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for according Final(Stage-II) approval for the proposal vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, have accorded (Stage-II) approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, Visakhapatnam, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

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6. After careful examination of the proposal, the Government hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.1511 ha. of forest land falling in Compt.No.969 in Pentakota Shelterbelt Forest Block, Yelamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division for laying pipeline and construction of pump house to draw sea water from Bay of Bengal to the DSR hatcheries by M/s. DSR Biotech Hatcheries, Visakhapatnam, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. Ten times the number of trees to be felled under the project shall be planted by the State Forest Department in the identified degraded forest area over an extent of **0.50 ha** in Compartment no. 634, Vempadu RF near D.L.Puram Village, Yellamanchili from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;

iii. As proposed, the State Forest Department may take appropriate mitigation measures in that locality to tackle problems such as wind erosion etc and as proposed the State Forest Department shall plant 500 Casuarina seedlings in an area of **0.50 ha** of Shelter Belt area identified in Compartment no.973 of K.Polavaram Forest Block to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc from the amount already been realized from the User Agency ;

iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;

v. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;

vi. The User Agency proposed 0.011 ha for pump house, hence it is to ensure that no residential accommodation in the diverted area for pump house;

vii. The State Government shall ensure that all approvals including CRZ clearance, required if any before handing over of the forest land;

viii. Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out wherever necessary, with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;

ix. Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees at the cost of the user agency;

x. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

xii. Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby flora & fauna;

xiii. The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.1511** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xiv. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order(s) and NGT Order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

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xv. The Concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area;

xvi. The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report m respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada by the end of March every year;

xvii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer, IRO, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;

xviii. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)
NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPCIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada,
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER